

**CLPUE-CEPLIS MINUTES – MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN DEPUTIES
IN STRASBOURG ON 7TH MAY 2009**

This meeting was held in the European Parliament in Strasbourg during the May session;

The main aim of these meetings with the European Deputies was about the project to create an inter-parliamentary group focused on the liberal professions to take into account our specificity within the EU particularly regarding the projects of directives about the healthcare matters.

Were present for CEPLIS : Jacques Reignault, Vice President, Armand Gersanois Board member, Theo Koutroubas, CEPLIS Administrative Executive and Serge Coimbra.

We have been first received by Mrs Catherine TRAUTMANN from the European Parliament Social Group to whom we recalled the specificity of our professions thanks to the small enterprises, the craftsmen and the commercial people. We advised her that the Small Act Business was not appropriate to our practice and told her that the EC should find a specific application in order to meet our activities.

Regarding the project of creating an inter-parliamentary group, she advised us to create an unofficial one with the European Parliament as it is difficult to build up one specific to our professions because these kinds of groups are going to be reduced within the EP.

On the contrary, she encouraged us to use our Academy of the Liberal Professions who could act as a support from their research about the EC. This Academy could be recognised by the EC and by the EP as a community interest organisation. It could act upon the evolution of the law regarding the liberal professions.

She also told us confidentially that it was very important that the liberal professions and most particularly the Healthcare ones got their Codes of Common Values as when the EC when has validated it, it implies an identification and a visibility for these professions.

Mrs TRAUTMANN will support our steps and remains at our disposal for further contacts.

Another meeting was planned with Mrs Grossetete, member of the right group (PPE) but there were at that time an important debate with vote in the hemicycle where she was speaking. She could not be free to meet us as the debates were in late but we were received by his parliamentary assistant, Mr Vauchelle who took note of our enquiries and confirmed us they will be submitted to the Deputy and another meeting date.



Mrs TRAUTMANN and the CEPLIS representatives in the European Parliament in Strasbourg

MINUTES OF THE XVIII CONGRESS OF PODIATRY
Hosted by URSP (Union Romande des Podologues) in Morges on 8-9 May 2009



Jennyfer Mare URSP delegate for the CLPUE and in 3rd position,
Astrid Heller, the URSP President, during the Congress

This annual meeting of our French speaking colleagues was dealing about different matters concerning the podiatric practice with a very appreciated conference from two French Podiatrists Yolande Guiganti and Christian Jerome (both are FNP members) about the management of the diabetic foot. A conference from the French Regulation Board was also done by the President Bernard Barbottin.

Several workshops have permitted the Swiss podiatrists to train to the techniques of the management of the diabetic foot, the gradation, the screening and the evaluation of the postural pathologies of the foot in order to be able to orientate it to the surgeon, and on the appreciation and the diagnose in case of circulatory lack at the level of the foot. I remind that the continuous training in Switzerland is compulsory.

The FNP was particularly honoured as, in my quality of the FNP President's representative, I got the opportunity to speak after the welcoming speech of the President Astrid Heller. I could remind the importance of the specificity of the French speaking podiatry within Europe and the obligation to let permanently develop our activities and skills regarding what is happening in France. I also insisted about the importance of having a professional Registration Board (Ordre) which was, in France, thought, wanted and imposed to the public power thanks to the FNP and to the name of the profession !